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## Buffalo County's Older Population

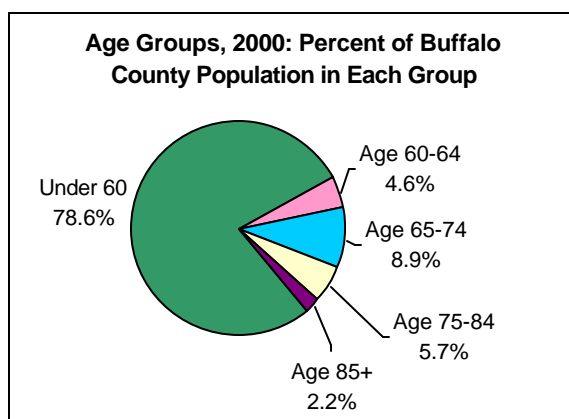
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Buffalo County is higher than that of the state as a whole (16.8% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (2.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,313 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 300 of these are age 85 or older. Buffalo County's average (or median) age is 39.2 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Buffalo County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	13,804		13,584		220	1.6%
Persons 60 and over	2,948	21.4%	2,950	21.7%	-2	-0.1%
Persons 65 and over	2,313	16.8%	2,263	16.7%	50	2.2%
Persons 85 and over	300	2.2%	315	2.3%	-15	-4.8%



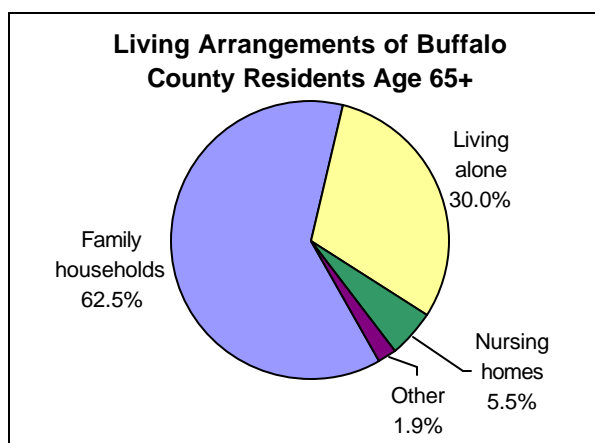
### Race:

A large majority (99.6%) of Buffalo County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Buffalo County African Americans have a median age of 19.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.4 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.4 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 5,511 households in Buffalo County, 1,600 include at least one person age 65 or older (29.0% of all households). A total of 1,520 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 76.4% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (62.5%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.0% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.0% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 128 people age 65 and older live in Buffalo County nursing homes (5.5% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



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**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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